

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for providing a distributor interface, comprising:
- 2 a) receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the
- 3 data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
- 4 b) aggregating the data in a database;
- 5 c) receiving a request from a distributor, the request including a plurality of
- 6 distributor parameters;
- 7 d) extracting information from the database relevant to the distributor parameters in
- 8 response to the request;
- 9 e) transmitting the information from the database to the distributor utilizing the
- 10 network; and
- 11 f) adjusting an amount of supplies purchased in correlation to the production of the
- 12 goods based on the information.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of
- 2 the required goods to be delivered to the stores.

- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-
- 2 based interface.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the stores include restaurants.

- 1 6. A system for providing a distributor interface, comprising:
- 2 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
- 3 network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;

- 4 b) logic for aggregating the data in a database;
 5 c) logic for receiving a request from a distributor, the request including a plurality of
 6 distributor parameters;
 7 d) logic for extracting information from the database relevant to the distributor
 8 parameters in response to the request;
 9 e) logic for transmitting the information from the database to the distributor utilizing
 10 the network; and
 11 f) logic for adjusting an amount of supplies purchased in correlation to the
 12 production of the goods based on the information.

1 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of
 2 the required goods to be delivered to the stores.

1 8. The system of claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 9. The system of claim 6, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-
 2 based interface.

1 10. The system of claim 6, wherein the stores include restaurants.

1 11. A computer program product for providing a distributor interface, comprising:
 2 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
 3 utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
 4 b) computer code for aggregating the data in a database;
 5 c) computer code for receiving a request from a distributor, the request including a
 6 plurality of distributor parameters;
 7 d) computer code for extracting information from the database relevant to the
 8 distributor parameters in response to the request;
 9 e) computer code for transmitting the information from the database to the
 10 distributor utilizing the network; and

AB 11 f) computer code for adjusting an amount of supplies purchased in correlation to the
12 production of the goods based on the information.

1 12. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the parameters relate to a
2 forecasted amount of the required goods to be delivered to the stores.

1 13. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the information is displayed
2 utilizing a network-based interface.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the stores include
2 restaurants.

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